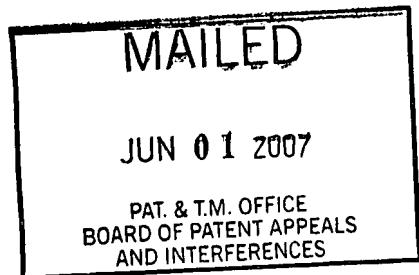


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JOHN T. WASSOM JR. and JERRY L. HARRIS

Application No. 09/582,262



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 21, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

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An Information Disclosure Statement was filed December 18, 2006. There is no evidence of record that the Information Disclosure Statement has been acknowledged and/or considered with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Written communication notifying appellants of such consideration is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is electronically returned to the Examiner

- 1) for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2) written communication to appellants of such consideration; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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